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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Alonzo M. BURNS et al.

Application No.: 09/228,954

Filed: January 12, 1999

Group Art Unit: 1771

Examiner: Cheryl Ann JUSKA

For: A SURFACE COVERING BACKING CONTAINING POLYMERIC  
MICROSPHERES AND PROCESSES OF MAKING THE SAME

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**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

August 26, 2002

Sir:

This Request for Reconsideration is in response to the Office Action dated March 25, 2002 regarding the above-identified application, for which the Examiner has set a three-month period for response. A petition for a two-month extension of time and the requisite fee are submitted herewith, thus making the response due on or before August 26, 2002 (August 25, 2002 was a Sunday).

**REMARKS**

Reconsideration and continued examination of this application are respectfully requested.

At pages 2-3 of the Office Action, the Examiner acknowledges the previous arguments of the applicants with respect to claims 23, 24, 26-28, and 63, but states that such arguments are moot